



Kansas City Chapter

May 2006



Club Meeting:

May 23, 2006

7:00 pm

Program: Guest Speaker
James Civiello, Hatchery
Manager of Shepherd of the
Hills

Executive Board Meeting:

June 12, 2006

Fleming Meeting Hall

Location:

Fleming Hall

21906 SW Woods Chapel Road

Lee's Summit, Missouri

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President's Message - Dave Cook

The flooding in New England is in the news but it is also the same storm that helped break drought conditions in the Arkansas/Missouri Ozarks. At Bennett Spring you can still see the high water line below the dam of about a three foot rise the stream had the week before the Kid's Derby. Also down at the Whistle Bridge you could see the evidence of high water by the leaf debris and mud piled up above the bridge level. Even better news for the White River system, all the reservoirs along the White have risen at least 10 feet in a three week period. Table Rock Lake has gone from a level of 902 to over 915 (normal power pool). Bull Shoals and Norfolk have also returned to normal levels. So even though the Ozarks had some flooding from the rain, the results have been quite beneficial recharging springs, replenishing headwaters and returning reservoirs to normal levels.

Ironically, Carol and I had been to Bennett Spring Apr 29th as the rains started piling up there and then we traveled to Boston May 5th. We had three sunny days before the rain caught up with us.

Jacomo Kid's Derby, May 6 - I'd like to thank Roger Theroux and other club members who worked at the derby for representing our club while I was out of town for this event. I understand not as many kids showed up as last year but there many more fish caught this year.

Bennett Spring Kid's Derby, May 13 – Another successful derby with a beautiful sunny day. The official number of kids for this derby was 821. MTFA Springfield took charge of the cooking this year. Marvin Allison, Carol and I helped with the cooking and serving. Additional information and pictures can be found online at Weaver's Tackle website at <http://www.missouritrout.com/weavers/report.html>

MTFA 60th Annual Spring Derby, May 20-21, Bennett Spring. A great derby is planned be sure to get registered Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

Upcoming Events

May 27 & 28, 2006

Second Annual Fly
Fishing Expo
Reading's Fly Shop on
Highway 64

June 3, 2006

Walk in the Park at
Kemper Outdoor Center

June 10-11, 2006

Free Fishing Weekend &
Trout Fishing Showcase
Bennett Spring

July 8, 2006

Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

September 11, 2006

Start of Fly Tying/Rod Building
Classes

September 30/ October 1, 2006

Fall Derby
Roaring River

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Best Streams for Great Lakes Steelhead

by **Bob Linsenman**

Countryman Press, Woodstock, VT, 2005

272 pages, hardbound, illustrated, B&W and color, suggested price \$35.00

This is a tour guide to the best of the steelhead fishing and steelhead water in the Great Lakes region. As such it highlights forty-two rivers in the drainages of the five Great Lakes located in six states and one province. The author has actually been to, and fished the rivers he is discussing. This is always a good thing for a guidebook. The book opens with short chapters on the fish, the history of steelhead in the Great Lakes, how to fish for these great fish in the rivers of the Great Lakes, and a selection of flies that have proven successful in the region including color plates.

The second part of the book gives clear, concise descriptions of the forty-two selected rivers arranged by the Great Lake they enter. Thus, the reader can quickly find rivers in a particular area by going to the chapter for a particular Great Lake. Each river section also has a short highlight bar giving the rivers general geographical location, nearest airport, local lodging, local fly shops, and guides. This makes for a very easy to use volume. There is also an overall map of the Great Lakes region with the Lakes identified and the rivers discussed labeled. The book concludes with a suggested reading appendix, an information sources appendix, and an excellent index.

Now for the best part, this book is just plain fun to read. The author gives all of the relevant information interspersed with personal notes, stories, and experiences that make the reader want to keep turning pages. In addition, the black and white illustrations are very well done and provide good support for the text. This is one of those very rare guidebooks that are both useful and entertaining. A lot of the fun of reading the book can also be attributed to excellent layout, design, and editing. There are no typos, weird sentence structures, or other grammatical problems that cause the reader to have to pause and re-read a particular passage. Here is a book by an author with something to say, saying it well, and published to high standard. For anyone interested in learning about the wonderful steelhead fishing in the Great Lakes region, or anyone wanting to spend some time casting a fly to the steelhead of the Great Lakes this is a must have volume. It is of far more value than the price asked.

Taken from the FFF Club February 2006 newsletter.

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**September 30/
October 1, 2006**

Fall Derby
Roaring River

October 6-8, 2006

FFF Southern Council Conclave

October 24, 2006

Chili Dinner

December 10, 2006

Christmas Party
Fleming Hall

January 9-14, 2007

Sports Show

Board of Directors

President: Dave Cook
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Charles Jacques
Gary Rose
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Merril Miller
James (Red) Duncan
Tom Criswell

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Reminders:

The May regular meeting will be open early at 6:00 pm for anyone who wants to practice or get tips on fly casting, fly fishing and fly tying. The regular business meeting will still take place at 7:00 pm.

May 23rd – Regular Monthly Meeting – Program will be the changes at the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery by James Civiello



Improved Crackleback

Tied by Ron Oben

Head: #14 black thread
Hackle: Badger / Furnace Tail:
Dyed Wood-Duck / pale Abdomen:
Goose quill / pale yellow Rib:
Holographic tinsel / small Hook:
Mustad #9671 12-16
Thread: Pale yellow

Tying Instructions: First nip off the barb, then slightly open the hook gap. Tie in a short tail, about 3/16 of an inch in length, using four or five fibers. Tie in at the hook shank a length of Holographic tinsel, about two inches. Tie in at the hook shank just in front of the tinsel the Goose quill. Then tie in the Hackle just in front of the goose quill. YOU now have four items tied in. Now wrap the thread forward to a point just in front of the eye. (At this point I usually put a very small amount of head cement, on the shank, but, I would leave this to your decision. Next wrap the quill body to the thread in a manner consistent with a nymph body. (tapered), but not a fat body and tie off with two or three wraps (tightly). Trim off all excess very close. Next wrap the holograph tinsel evenly spaced, slightly larger than the width of the tinsel, to the point just short of the hook eye. Tie in with two wraps (tightly). Next make equal wraps (four or five) of hackle, palmered style up to the point just short of the eye and tie in with two whip finishes and trim the hackle and thread. Now wrap a small neat head with #14 Black. To finish I always use a small drop of cement, on the head.

Fishing Tips: If you can find a barbless hook of equal size, use it. Be sure to open the hook barb slightly. This will hook more fish per strike. Trust me!

The 60th Annual MTFA Spring Derby

The 60th Annual MTFA Spring Derby is in the history books. The Kansas City Chapter had an excellent turnout. Attendees included Carol & David Cook, Roger & Louise Theroux, Charles & Debbie Jacques, with Sarah, Delberta and Emma Huber, Marvin & Sherry Allison, Bill & Joan Otis, Larry & Betty Pifer, Tom Criswell, Darrell Durst, Lyndon Stowell, Joe Fusco and his daughter Mary.

Roger probably caught the most fish, Lyndon said he caught more fish on Sunday morning than he has in the last five years, Joe Fusco caught a tagged fish but got up too late to register for the Derby and David Cook caught a tagged fish for the derby. The number of people registered for the derby was over 160 which was more than any derby in recent history and more tagged fish were caught than anyone could remember.

At Saturday's business meeting, Charles Jacques was elected President and Debbie Jacques was elected Secretary of the State Council of MTFA. Kansas City Chapter will be hosting next year's derby and the planning begins now. Anyone wanting to work on the Derby Committee should contact David Cook or Charles Jacques.



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